APPENDIX

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REPORTS ON THE 26TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES
Boston, Mass., April 1-4

Among the 60 panels presented at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston, from April 1-4, were five of special interest to librarians.

In the session on "Institutional Contacts with the People's Republic of China: Progress and Prospects," Chi Wang, Assistant Head of the Chinese and Korean Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress, presented a paper on "Library Exchanges with the People's Republic of China," emphasizing personal and institutional contacts established during the past two years. Participating in the panel, chaired by Prof. Michel C. Oksenberg of Columbia University, were Albert Feuerwerker of the University of Michigan, Bernard Frolic of York University, Douglas Murray of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, and Ezra F. Vogel of Harvard University.

Andrew Y. Kuroda, Head, Japanese Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress, and Naomi Fukuda, Asia Library, University of Michigan, jointly organized and chaired a panel on "Research Materials in Japanese Studies." Hideo Kaneko, Curator, East Asian Collection, Yale University Library, presented a concise report on "Building a Collection for Japanese Studies," with emphasis on the present state of such collections, areas of difficulty in acquisitions, and possible solutions to various problems. Other papers included a study on "Sources and Problems in Japanese Politics" by Nathaniel B. Thayer, Hunter College (and recently appointed Director of Asian Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University), which concentrated on publications of political parties and their factions. These publications pose special problems of identification and procurement not only for American libraries but also for libraries in Japan. Robert M. Spaulding, Oklahoma State University, in his paper on "Qualitative Research in Collective Biographical Sources," discussed difficulties in obtaining adequate information on birth, kinship, social and economic status, education, and careers from common and uncommon biographical sources in Japanese. He pointed out that both types of sources are not readily available in American libraries. Mr. Kuroda presented a brief status report on JAPAN MARC, the machine-readable cataloging system being readied for use in the *Japanese National Bibliography* by the National Diet Library, scheduled to begin in January 1975. The discussant for the panel was Ardath W. Burks, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Rutgers University.

Parris H. Chang, Pennsylvania State University, chaired a panel on "The Cultural Revolution Materials as Sources for Contemporary China Studies: an Evaluation." Included were papers by Hong Yung Lee, University of California-Berkeley, on "Structure of Conflict in the Red Guard Movement: Utility and Limitation of the Red Guard Newspapers and Sources," and "Cultural Revolution Materials: Arrangement, Accessibility and Retrieval" by Raymond N. Tang, Curator, East Asiatic Library, University of California-Berkeley. Red Guard publications, now comprising some 50,000 pages of text, which are available in reproduction from the Association for Research Libraries' Center for Chinese Research Materials, are elusive, ephemeral, and difficult to acquire and control. Prof. Chang pointed to the need for the development of appropriate bibliographical controls by such agencies as the Library of Congress. The discussant for the panel was Roy Hofheinz, Jr., Harvard University.

"Recent Trends in Publishing and the Press in Southeast Asia" was the theme of the panel chaired by Charles R. Bryant, Curator, Southeast Asia Collection, Yale University Library. John M. Echols, Cornell University, who discussed "Current Problems in Publishing in Indonesia," was followed by William R. Roff, Columbia University, who covered "Serial and Book Publication in Malaysia: Recent Development." Mr. Bryant's own presentation, on "Publishing and the Press under the New Society in the Philippines," was based on recent personal observations. Concluding the session was a study of "Publishing in North Vietnam: Scholarly and Popular Writing" by Huynh Kim Khanh, University of Western Ontario; and discussant's remarks by Joyce Wright, Head, Asia Collection, University of Hawaii Library.

Thomas H. Kang, Senior Reference Librarian, Chinese and Korean Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress, organized and chaired a panel entitled

"Comparative Studies on the Acceptance Patterns of Foreign Ideologies in China, Japan, and Korea." He also delivered in the same panel a paper on "Chuhsian Confucianism in the Making of Tokugawa Society of Japan and Yijo Society of Korea." The panel consisted of seven members, four of whom presented papers while the remaining three commented on the presentations. They were Richard Gard, Institute of Advanced Studies of World Religions; Wi Jo Kang, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Whalen Lai, Harvard University; Masatoshi Nagatomi, Harvard University; Spencer J. Palmer, Brigham Young University; and Joseph S. Sebes, Georgetown University.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CHINESE COOPERATIVE CATALOGING

Under the Chairmanship of Eugene Wu, Librarian of Harvard-Yenching Library, the committee met for an all-day session in Boston on March 31 in conjunction with the 26th Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies. Gloria Hsia, Chief of the Catalog Publication Division, Library of Congress, attended the meeting to report on alternative methods of preparing and distributing a proposed cooperative catalog of Chinese entries which is under consideration by the Library and the Ad Hoc Committee. The proposed catalog will be arranged by title and its purpose will be to make available to East Asian libraries the catalog entries for Chinese materials prepared by the Library of Congress and by a selected group of libraries having extensive holdings of Chinese materials.

Following discussion of Mrs. Hsia's presentation and suggestions from other members of the Association, it was concluded that the following five possibilities should be considered:

1. A Chinese cooperative catalog issued in three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation
2. A Chinese cooperative catalog, including LC preliminary entries, to be issued monthly without cumulation
3. A monthly list of LC preliminary entries only, without cumulation
4. A Chinese union catalog on microfiche
5. A Chinese cooperative catalog in card form

The Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Committee on East Asian Libraries will conduct a survey of East Asian libraries in this country to determine which of the five proposals will most nearly satisfy their needs. Publication of the catalog by the Library of Congress will depend on whether there is sufficient support through subscriptions to underwrite the cost of preparation and distribution.

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